

PREFERRED TERMS FOR SELECT POPULATIONS



PEOPLE WITH JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

Instead of:
inmates
criminals
convicts

PEOPLE LIVING WITH (DIAGNOSIS)

Instead of:
HIV patients
monkeypox cases
epileptics/diabetics

PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

Instead of:
addicts
alcoholics
drug abusers

PEOPLE WHO ARE UNDERSERVED BY...

Instead of:
the underserved
the uninsured
hard-to-reach

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS/ UNSTABLE HOUSING

Instead of:
the homeless
transients

PEOPLE WITH UNDOCUMENTED STATUS

Instead of:
illegals
illegal aliens

PEOPLE WITH LOWER INCOMES

Instead of:
the poor
poor people
poverty-stricken

PEOPLE LIVING WITH A MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS

Instead of:
crazy people
mentally ill

OLDER ADULTS OR PERSONS AGED (NUMERIC AGE GROUP)

Instead of:
the elderly
seniors

PEOPLE AT AN INCREASED RISK FOR...

Instead of:
high-risk people
vulnerable people
priority populations

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN RURAL AREAS

Instead of:
rural people
frontier people
country people

PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE IN TRANSACTIONAL SEX/ SEX WORK

Instead of:
prostitutes
prostitution

SIMPLE LANGUAGE CHANGES CAN HELP REDUCE STIGMA!